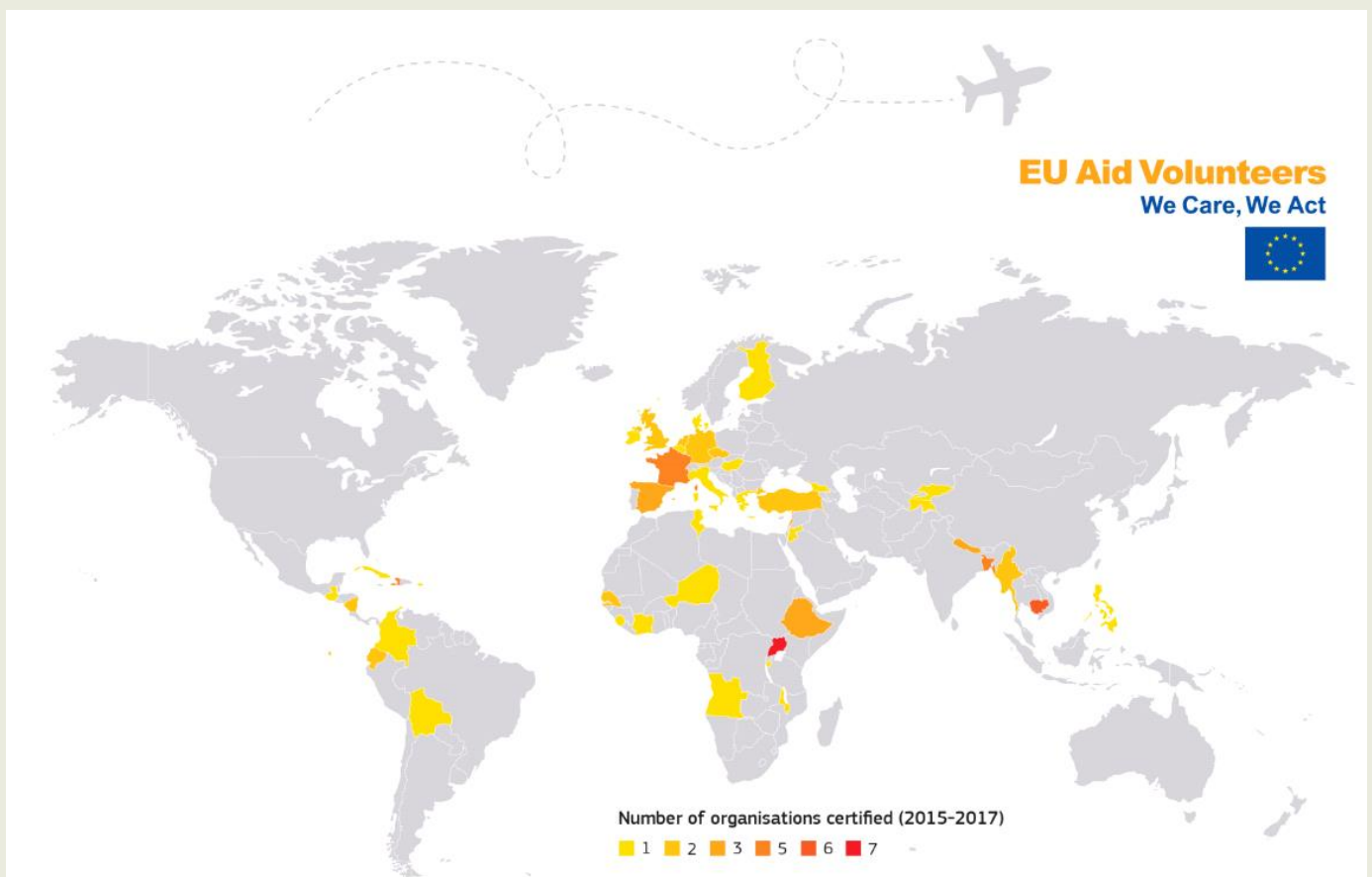




EU Aid Volunteers Initiative

Certification Mechanism



* Almost 90 Certified organisations around the world (March 2017)

What

WHY ARE ORGANISATIONS REQUIRED TO BECOME CERTIFIED UNDER THE EU AID VOLUNTEERS INITIATIVE?

In order to participate in a **Deployment project** your organisation should be certified as a Sending or a Hosting organisation. It means your organisation commits to high quality **standards of volunteer management**.



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF SENDING AND HOSTING ORGANISATIONS?

The certification mechanism defines the partnership between Sending and Hosting organisations. Its aim is to check the policies and procedures of each organisation. It is of relevance for both humanitarian aid, and volunteer management organisations.

- **Sending organisations** are entrusted with all the aspects of identification, selection, preparation, deployment and management of EU Aid Volunteers. They shall ensure that the hosting organisation is consistently involved throughout the entire project life-cycle.
- **Hosting organisations** will receive the volunteers and are responsible for the induction phase, designating mentors, and ensuring the provision of adequate accommodation and working conditions.



ALL ORGANISATIONS SHOULD :

- adhere to **the standards and procedures** related to the management of volunteers
- be active in the field of humanitarian aid, which means **activities and operations in third countries** intended to provide needs-based emergency assistance aimed at preserving life, preventing and alleviating human suffering, and maintaining human dignity in the face of man-made crises or natural disasters.
- be legally established

IN ADDITION:



SENDING ORGANISATIONS must be

- **non-governmental / not-for-profit organisations** formed in accordance with the law of a **EU Member State** and whose headquarters are located within the European Union;
- **public law bodies of a civilian character** governed by the law of a Member State;
- **International Federation of National Red Cross** and Red Crescent Societies.



HOSTING ORGANISATIONS must be

- **non-governmental / not-for-profit organisations** operating or established **in a third country** under the laws in force of that country;
- **public law bodies of a civilian character** governed by the law of a third country;
- **International agencies** and organisations.



How

1. Check the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency website :
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/eu-aid-volunteers/actions/certification-mechanism-for-sending-and-hosting-organisations_en
2. Read the specific guidelines for this action : https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/eu-aid-volunteers/funding/certification-mechanism-for-sending-and-hosting-organisations_en
3. Download the self-assessment form and all the annexes :http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/eu-aid-volunteers/funding/certification-mechanism-for-sending-and-hosting-organisations_en
4. Attach all your mandatory and optional evidence
5. Prepare your e-mail and send it to EACEA-EUAID-VOLUNTEERS@ec.europa.eu

